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RE Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No 726X), CSX Transportation. Inc.—
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of
Richmond and Henrico County. VA
Docket No AB-290 (Sub-No 303X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in
the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 10 copies of a Petition for Exemption to exempt, under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, the abandonment and discontinuance of service over a 1.55-mile railroad line known as the James River Industrial Track, between State Road 5 and the end of the line in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA by CSX Transportation, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Railway Company. A disc containing a WORD and pdf version of the Petition is enclosed CSXT and NSR are each submitting a check in the amount of \$6,500 for the filing fee.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of this letter and the Petition for Exemption and return it with the messenger Thank you for your assistance

If you have any questions, please call or email me

Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer

Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc

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#### PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY-ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION-IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND HENRICO COUNTY, VA

#### PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") and Norfolk Southern Rathway Company ("NSR") petition the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") to exempt from 49 U.S.C. §10903, under 49 U.S.C. §10502, the abandonment and discontinuance of service by CSXT and NSR over a 1.55-mile railroad line known as the James River Industrial Track, between State Road 5 and the end of the line, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 23231 in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA (the "Line"). There are no mileposts on the Line. CSXT and NSR jointly own a portion of the Line, CSXT individually owns a different portion of the Line. NSR individually owns a different portion of the Line, and CSXT and NSR are both authorized to operate over the entire Line. CSXT and NSR have each filed for an exemption to abandon the entire Line so that each is authorized to abandon the portions of the Line that it owns and so that there are no gaps in the abandonment authority.

The City of Richmond and Henrico County desire to convert the Line into a trail. The last shipper on the Line, Lehigh Cement Company, LLC, has moved to another location and does not oppose the abandonment and discontinuance (see Exhibit C, Attachment 1). There is no overhead traffic on the Line. CSXT and NSR are seeking to abandon and discontinue service over the Line to facilitate the plans of Richmond and Henrico County to use the Line for trail purposes.

By abandoning and discontinuing service over the Line, CSXT and NSR will also avoid the costs for operating and maintaining the Line

#### PROPOSED TRANSACTION

CSXT and NSR propose to abandon and discontinue service over a 1.55-mile railroad line known as the James River Industrial Track, extending between State Road 5 and the end of the line. The Line serves the station of Richmond, VA. A map of the Line is attached as Exhibit A (a colored version is in Exhibit G). Exhibit B consists of the Environmental Report and Exhibit C consists of the Historic Report. The draft Federal Register Notice is in Exhibit D, and copies of the newspaper publication and the required certification are in Exhibit E. The certificate of service is in Exhibit F. Colored Exhibits are in Exhibit G.

Based on information in the possession of CSXT and NSR, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the possession of CSXT or NSR concerning title will be made available to those requesting it.

#### BACKGROUND

The 1 55-mile Line is located in Richmond, VA. CSXT, NSR, and their respective predecessors have owned and jointly operated over the Line since 1923 (see Exhibit C. Attachment 6) The Line runs along the James River. It was badly flood damaged in 1985, and

subsequently reconstructed (see Exhibit C. response 8). The only shipper on the Line, Lehigh Cement Company, LLC ("Lehigh") is located at the end of the Line. Lehigh leased its facility from the City of Richmond. The lease terminated on October 31, 2012, at which time Lehigh relocated its facility. Lehigh does not oppose the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service. See letter in Exhibit C, Attachment 1.

The City of Richmond and I-lenrico County seek to acquire the Line to develop it as the Richmond Riverfront Phase of the Virginia Capital Trail. CSXT and NSR understand that, pursuant to 49 C.F R §1152.29(a), the City of Richmond and Henrico County will each file a petition seeking interim trail use/rail banking of the portion of the Line within its jurisdiction. CSXT and NSR are amenable to converting the Line into a trail under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d).

CSXT provided service to Lehigh until Lehigh ceased operations on October 31, 2012 NSR, on the other hand, ceased operating over the line over two years ago. With the relocation of Lehigh, there are no longer any shippers on the Line to justify retaining and maintaining it.

By abandoning the Line, CSXT and NSR collectively will save about \$15,500 in annual maintenance costs. In addition, CSXT and NSR estimate that valuation of the property is about \$185,918 (net liquidation value of \$222,031 less income tax consequences of \$84,372 plus working capital of \$48,259). Retaining the Line would result in opportunity costs of \$31,383, based on a nominal rate of return of 16.88%.

The Line is not generating any rail business or revenue for either CSXT or NSR, but maintenance costs are still being incurred. And, as mentioned above, CSXT and NSR are foregoing opportunity costs. The City of Richmond and Henrico County propose using the Line's right-of-way for the purpose of extending the Virginia Capital Trail.

# ARGUMENT SUPPORTING THE ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

CSXT and NSR seek exemptions under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the otherwise applicable formal requirements of 49 U S.C. §10903 in order to abandon and discontinue service over the Line.

Under 49 U.S.C. §10502, the Board must exempt a transaction from regulation when it finds that

- (1) regulation is not necessary to earry out the rail transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. § 10101; and
  - (2) cither
    - (a) the transaction is of limited scope, or
    - (b) regulation is not necessary to protect shippers from the abuse of market power.

The legislative history of Section 10502 reveals a clear Congressional intent that the Board should liberally use its exemption authority to free certain transactions from the administrative and financial costs associated with continued regulation. In enacting the Staggers Rail Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-488, 94 Stat. 1895, Congress encouraged the Board's predecessor agency to liberally use the expanded exemption authority under former Section 10505

The policy underlying this provision is that while Congress has been able to identify broad areas of commerce where reduced regulation is clearly warranted, the Commission is more capable through the administrative process of examining specific regulatory provisions and practices not yet addressed by Congress to determine where they can be deregulated consistent with the policies of Congress. The conferees expect that, consistent with the policies of this Act, the Commission will pursue partial and complete exemption from remaining regulation.

H.R. Rep No. 1430, 96 the Cong. 2d Sess. 105 (1980). See also Exemption From Regulation--Boxcar Traffic, 367 I C.C. 424, 428 (1983), vacated and remanded on other grounds, Brae Corp v. United States, 740 F 2d 1023 (D C. Cir 1984). Congress reaffirmed this policy in the conference report accompanying the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which re-enacted the rail exemption provision as Section 10502 H.R. Rep. No. 422, 104th Cong. 1st Sess. 168-69 (1995)

# A. The Application of 49 U.S.C. §10903 Is Not Necessary to Carry Out the Rail Transportation Policy

Detailed scrutiny of this transaction is not necessary to carry out the Rail Transportation Policy ("RTP") of 49 U S C. §10101. The requested exemptions would minimize the unnecessary expense associated with the joint preparation and filing of a formal abandonment and discontinuance of service application, expedite regulatory decisions, and reduce regulatory barriers to exit. 49 U.S C. §10101 (2, 7, and 15). Since local traffic on the Line ceased last year, and there is no overhead traffic, the abandonment and discontinuance of service authority that CSXT and NSR hereby request will result in no loss of rail service. There is no traffic on the Line to cover the costs of maintenance

Granting the requested exemptions, therefore, foster sound economic conditions and encourages efficient management by permitting the rationalization of an unnecessary rail line. 49 U.S.C. §10101 (3), (5) and (9). "An exemption would also foster sound economic conditions and encourage efficient management by relieving [the railroad] of the out-of-pocket expenses ... associated with retaining the underutilized line [49 U.S.C. 10101(5) and (9)]."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption—in *Harris and Meriwether Counties, GA*, STB Docket No. AB-1000 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served December 10, 2007) at 3.

Other aspects of the RTP are not adversely affected. For example, competition and the continuation of a sound rail transportation system are not affected since the public will not be deprived of any needed rail services.

#### B. This Transaction Is Of Limited Scope

The proposed transaction is of limited scope, involving a currently unused rail line that is only 1.55 miles in length.

#### C. This Transaction Will Not Result In An Abuse Of Market Power.

CSXT and NSR will abandon and discontinue service over the Line. There are no active shippers on the Line, and no overhead traffic makes use of the Line. The most recent shipper on the Line, Lehigh, has relocated and receives transportation service at its new location.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

An Environmental Report is in Exhibit B.

#### HISTORIC REPORT

A Historic Report is in Exhibit C

#### FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

A draft Federal Register notice is attached hereto as Exhibit D

#### LABOR PROTECTION

The interests of railroad employees of CSXT and NSR who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R Co.--Abandonment--Goshen*, 360 I C C 91 (1979)

#### CONCLUSION

Application of the regulatory requirements and procedures of 49 U.S.C §10903 to the abandonment and discontinuance of service over the Line proposed by CSXT and NSR is not required to carry out the RTP as set forth in 49 U.S.C. §10101, as previously shown. Nor is Board regulation required to protect shippers from the abuse of market power Moreover, this abandonment and discontinuance of service is of limited scope.

Accordingly, CSXT and NSR respectfully urge the Board to grant each an exemption for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service over the Line.

Respectfully Submitted,

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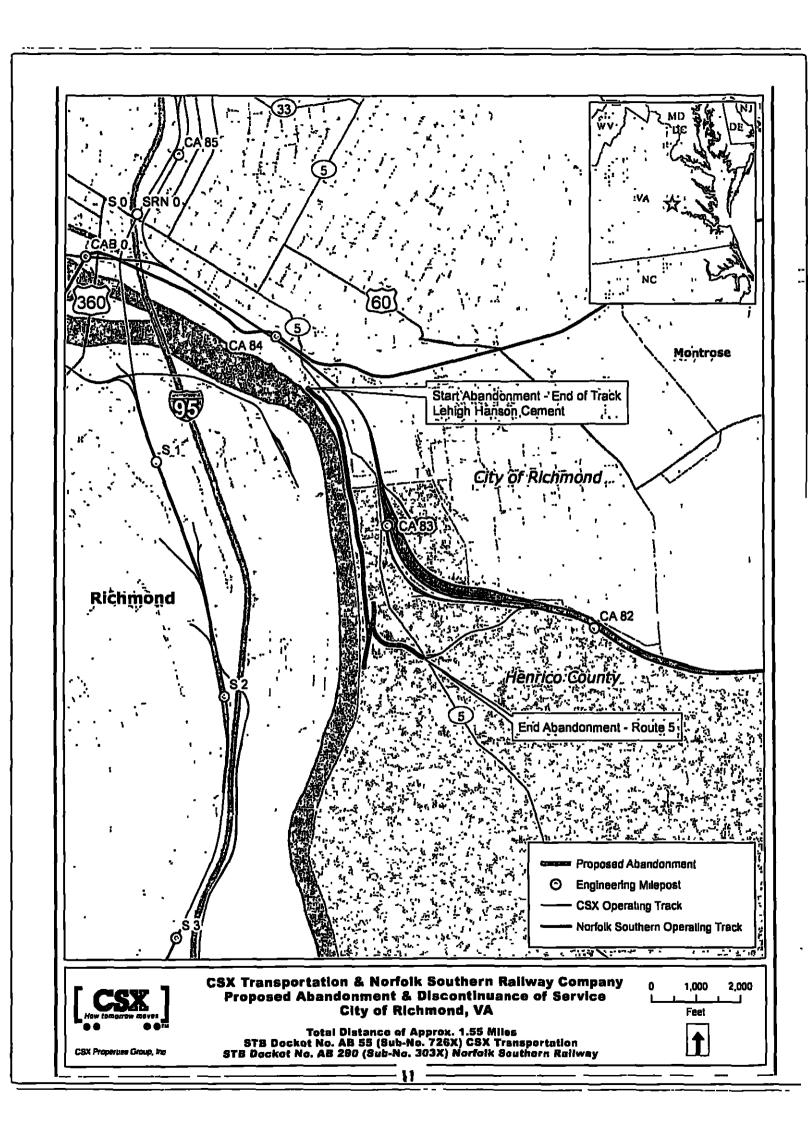
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Dated: February 21, 2013

# **EXHIBIT A-MAP** 10



## EXHIBIT B-ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F R. §1105.7(c) and 11, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No 726X) and AB-290 (Sub-No 303X) was mailed via first class mail on December 19, 2012, to the following parties:

U.S Department of Agriculture Richmond Central Office 2801 Kensington Avenue Richmond, VA 23221

U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209 Richmond, VA 23229-5014

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District Waterfield Building 803 Front Street Norfolk, VA 23510-1096

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9587

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

National Park Service National Capital Regional Office 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. Washington, D.C 20242

National Geodetic Service (NOAA) at 'NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov' (via email)

Office of the Governor Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 1111 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia Department of Transportation Mr. Kevin Reichert, PE 1401 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Central Office 629 East Main Street P.O Box 1105 Richmond, VA 23218

City of Richmond Department of Public Works - CIP Mr. Lamont Benjamin, PE 900 Broad Street, Room 603 Richmond, VA 23219

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> Louis E. Gitomer I ebruary 21, 2013

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

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The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

#### (1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation, Inc (CSXT) is considering to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Petition of Exemption and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) is proposing to file for a Discontinuance of Service seeking authority to abandon service in CSXT's Southern Region, Huntington Division, Peninsula Subdivision near Railroad Milepost CA 82 3, also known as the James River Industrial Track from State Road 5 to the end of track at Lehigh Hanson Cement. The distance is approximately 1.55 miles in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Virginia as depicted on the attached map.

This rail line segment was jointly served and maintained by CSXT and NS. The only customer, Lehigh Hanson Cement has agreed to relocate at the request of the city, so that the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Virginia can continue the Virginia Capital Trail. NS has agreed to join CSXT in a STB filling for abandonment and discontinuance of service of our common carrier obligations. The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon, discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements and the property to be used for non-motorized transportation as the Richmond Riverfront Phase of the Virginia Capital Trail

A map which delineates the proposed project and the letter of concurrence from Lehigh Hanson Cement are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2)

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Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report. (See Attachment 3)

#### (2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

During the past several years the principal commodity shipped to this location has been cement. There will be a temporary impact on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns. Traffic destined for this line can be trans-loaded to truck until the new Lehigh Hanson Cement plant in Chesterfield County Virginia is up and operational in 2015. The current traffic is being shipped from Union Bridge Maryland by truck approximately 163 miles. Based on their current volumes, there will be ten (10) to (11) shipments per week.

#### (3) LAND USE

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

Applicant received a response dated December 11, 2012 from Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation stating "The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) concurs with the proposed action to abandon and discontinue service of the James River Industrial Track" (See Attachment 4)

Applicant received a response dated December 13, 2012 from City of Richmond stating "This proposed action is consistent with the City's Riverfront Master Plan" (See Attachment 5)

(ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

Applicant received a response dated December 11, 2012 from USDA-

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NRCS stating "there is no effect on prime farmland as a result of the proposed actions (See Attachment 6)

(iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.

Applicant has not received a response to its December 6, 2012 inquiry to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Central Office in Richmond, VA requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 7)

Applicant feels that the simple removal of track material should not have an adverse impact on any coastal zone, land or water uses

(iv) If the proposed action is abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

#### (4) ENERGY

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the

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resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

The diversion will not meet the requirements of (A) or (B).

#### (5) AIR

(i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded

(ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded

(iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

#### (6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and

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quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

#### (7) SAFETY

(i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (Including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in improvement to public safety by the elimination of 2 public, at-grade road crossings and 1 private, at-grade road crossings.

(ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

Not applicable.

(iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites

#### (8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(i) Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describes the effects.

Applicant has not received a response to its December 6, 2012 inquiry to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, MA requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 8)

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Based upon Applicant's intention to abandon, discontinue service and salvage the track and improvements we do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species will be negatively affected or critical habitats modified if the line is abandoned.

(ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

#### (9) WATER

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

Applicant has not received a response to its December 6, 2012 inquiry to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Richmond, Virginia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 7)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

Applicant has not received a response to its December 6, 2012 inquiry to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Norfolk District, Norfolk, Virginia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the

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underlying road-bed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

(iii) State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).

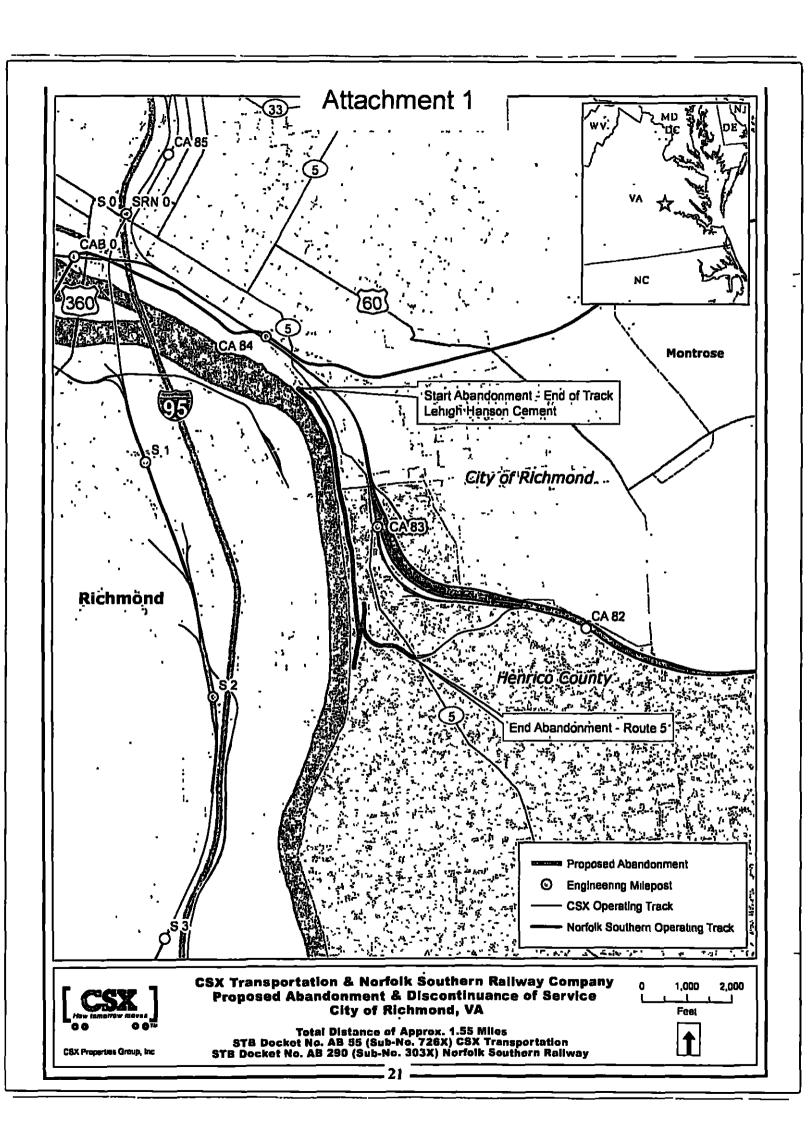
Applicant has not received a response to its December 6, 2012 inquiry to the U.S. Region 3 EPA Office in Washington, D.C. requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 10)

Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required

#### 10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required





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Dear Ms Burroughs:

Lehigh Cement Company, LLC ("Lehigh") has been advised that CSX Transportation intends to seek approval from the Surface Transportation Board to abandon a portion of the railroad's operation in Richmond, VA.

Since the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse impact on our Richmond, VA operation, we do not oppose the proposed abandonment.

We understand that you may submit this letter to the Surface Transportation Board as part of the proceedings on the proposed abandonment.

We encourage that the process for abandonment, including the preparation and submission of all necessary applications, be started as soon as possible.

Pursuant to the Lease between the City of Richmond and Lehigh effective August 1, 2012, Lehigh is entitled to use of the railroad to its property until October 31, 2012 Accordingly, we plan to use the rail until October 31, 2012, after which time rail service to Lehigh's property can be terminated.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hundley
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Gregory A. Whirley Commissioner

December 11, 2012

CSX Transportation, Inc. Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs 500 Water Street – J-315 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Burroughs,

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) concurs with the proposed action to abandon and discontinue service of the James River Industrial Track from State Route 5 to the end of track at Lehigh Hanson Cement. VDOT supports converting the property for use by non-motorized transportation as part of the Virginia Capital Trail.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. I can be contacted at (804) 225-3799 or kevin.reichert \_ vdot.vir 'nia \_ov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Reichert, P.E.

Senior Project Delivery Engineer

VirginiaDOT org
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December 13, 2012

CSX Transportation Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs 500 Water Street J-315 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Burroughs;

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Lamont L. Benjamin, PE

Capital Projects Administrator

Cc: M S. Khara, PE -DPW James Jackson- DPW Mark Olinger- PDR Jane Ferrara- ECD

#### **Burroughs, Joann**

From: Hammer, Greg - NRCS, Chesapeake, VA < Greg. Hammer@va usda.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 7:56 AM

To: Burroughs, Joann

Cc: Kriz, David - NRCS, Richmond, VA

Subject: Prime Farmland -

Attachments: CSX\_Richmond\_Henrico.pdf

In regards to the attachment - there is no effect on prime farmland as a result of the proposed actions.

Greg Hammer
Soil Scientist
USDA-NRCS
Chesapeake Service Center
310 Shea Drive
Chesapeake Va. 23322
Office (757) 547-7172 x3
Cell. (804) 683-4189

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December 6, 2012

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Central Office
629 East Main Street
P O. Box 1105
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Sir/Madam

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is proposing to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Petition of Exemption and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) is proposing a Discontinuance of Service seeking authority to abandon service in the Southern Region, Huntington Division, Peninsula Subdivision near Railroad Milepost CA 82.3, also known as the James River Industrial Track from State Road 5 to the end of track at Lehigh Hanson Cement. The distance is approximately 1.55 miles in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Virginia as depicted on the attached map. STB Docket numbers AB 55 (Sub-No. 726X) and AB 290 (Sub-No. 303X).

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(i) "Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards." Describe any inconsistencies."

(III) "State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U S C. 1342 are required for the proposed action "

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time.

Enclosed is a distribution list of all parties that have been copied on the proposed action. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

Enclosures (2)



Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services

December 6, 2012

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9587

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- (I) Based on consultation with the U S. Fish and Wildlife Service state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habital, and if so, describe the effects.
- (II) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact to any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitats, wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks, or forests

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Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs Enclosures (2)



Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services

**December 6, 2012** 

US Corps of Engineers

Norfolk District

Waterfield Building

803 Front Street

Norfolk, VA 23510-1096

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"Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U S C 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100 year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects "

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

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Sincerely,
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Jo Ann Burroughs

Enclosures (2)

## Attachment 10 ·



Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services 500 Water Street – J-315 Jacksonville, FL 32202 Phone (904) 359-1247 E-Mail: Jo\_Burroughs@csx.com

December 6, 2012

U.S EPA
Region 3
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave N W
Washington, D C 20460

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

#### **Burroughs, Joann**

From:

Gazzera, Silvia B NAO <Silvia B Gazzera@usace.army.mil>

Sent:

Friday, December 28, 2012 1 15 PM

To:

Burroughs, Joann

Subject:

Virginia Capial Trail, Richmond Riverfront Phase (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Good Afternoon,

The Corps of Engineers has received your request of December 6, 2012, regarding the above referenced project in the City of Richmond and in Henrico County, Virginia.

Abandonment of the trail will not require authorization from the Corps. We would need to have more details regarding the salvaging of the track and conversion to a trail to make a determination about permit requirements as wetlands may occur adjacent to the track.

Could you please provide a description of how the work is going to be accomplished?

Thank you and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Silvia, B. Gazzera, Ph.D Environmental Scientist U.S Army Corps of Engineers 9100 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 235 Richmond Virginia 23236 (804) 212-6817 (cell) http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/

The Norfolk District is committed to providing the highest level of support to the public. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate you completing our Customer Satisfaction Survey located at <a href="http://per2.nwp.usace.army\_mil/survey.html">http://per2.nwp.usace.army\_mil/survey.html</a> We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete the survey

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**Caveats: NONE** 



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#### CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

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Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services

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#### **Burroughs, Joann**

From:

Burroughs, Joann

Sent:

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 11 10 AM

To:

'Simon Monroe'

Cc:

St Dennis, Kearston Comegys (kearston.comegys@nscorp.com)

Subject:

RE NGS Responseand notification of removal STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO. 726X) &

AB-290 (SUB NO. 303X)

Simon, thank you for the prompt response. The traffic on this line segment was terminated on October 31, 2012. Please consider this our 90 day notice to salvage track and materials and to remove the three (3) geodetic survey markers.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services CSX Transportation 904-359-1247

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe [mailto·simon.monroe@noaa gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:18 AM

To: Burroughs, Joann; Surface Transportation Board; Gilbert Mitchell; John.Aaron@vdot.virginia; Simon Monroe

Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO. 726X) & AB-290 (SUB NO. 303X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for

RICHMOND, Henrico County, VIRGINIA.

Approximately 03 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall

consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to

beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station

marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at

#### http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/

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# **EXHIBIT C-HISTORIC REPORT**

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF HISTORIC REPORT

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(c) and 11, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X) and Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 303X) was mailed via first class mail on December 6, 2012, to the following party:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources Richmond Central Office 2801Kensington Avenue Richmond, VA 23221

> Louis E. Gitomer February 21, 2013

### HISTORIC REPORT

# CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia Docket AB-55 (SUB-NO. 726X) Docket AB-290 (Sub-No. 303X)

#### 1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation (CSXT) proposes to abandon, and Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) proposes to discontinue service for approximately 1.55 miles of its rail line near Railroad Milepost CA 82.3, beginning at State Road 5 to the end of track at Lehigh Hanson Cement Company This line is also known as the James River Industrial Track in Richmond; Henrico County, Virginia.

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Pursuant to the Lease between the City of Richmond and Lehigh effective August 1, 2012, Lehigh was entitled to use of the railroad to its property until October 31, 2012. Rail service to Lehigh Hanson Cement terminated October 31, 2012. Documentation

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supporting this arrangement is attached. A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachments 1, 2 and 3)

#### 1105.8(d)

(1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action.

Attached are copies of the Richmond quadrangle topographic map prepared by the U S. Department of Interior Geological Survey prepared by the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey

The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy red line with black dashes. (See Attachment 4)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older that may be eligible for listing in the National Register that are part of the proposed action.

(2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:

The right of way width varies along this right of way and is approximately thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) feet from the centerline of track

The rail line runs parallel to the James River in the City of Richmond, County of Henrico, Virginia The line runs through a primarily urban and industrial area. (See Attachment 5)

(3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:

There are no structures on the property that are over 50 years old.

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(4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:

The line has been modified as necessary throughout its existence to maintain safe railroad operation and perform routine maintenance

(5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:

By an Agreement made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1923, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and Southern Railway Company operated jointly the James River Industrial Tracks and shared the maintenance costs to serve the industries located on the attached map (See attachments 6 and 7). In 1982 Norfolk Western and Southern Railway merged to create Norfolk Southern Corporation In 1990 the Southern Railway was renamed the Norfolk Southern Railway.

On November 1, 1980, Seaboard Coast Line Industries Inc. and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On April 30, 1987, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was merged into the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was merged into CSX Transportation on September 2, 1987.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease

(6) A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:

Not applicable

(7) An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):

HISTORIC REPORT CSX Transportation, Inc. Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X) Page 4 of 4

A review of our records indicates there are no (0) CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this line segment that may be eligible for listing in the National Register

We do not know of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area.

(8) A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

Our records do indicate that this area was located in the James River Flood plain. The track was 100% re-built after the "Election Day" flood of October 31 through November 6, 1985. The James River flooded several blocks of downtown Richmond. Days later, Congress approved funding for construction of a flood wall to protect the city.

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records also indicate there is an active environmental Right of Entry Agreement (CSX041862) with IMTT Richmond. The agreement covers three (3) groundwater monitoring wells installed along the James River. IMTT is under an annual contract Agreement with CSXT and should be conveyed and or assigned to the city upon abandonment authority

CSXT's and NS's internal Environmental Hazardous Material Manager has reviewed our database and has found no incidents of hazardous material or petroleum product release along this line segment

# Attachment 1



Lehigh Cement Company Lehigh North 3111 Water Street Richmond, VA 23223 Phone (804) 849 0728 Fax (804) 648 5543

August 10, 2012

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs Manager Network Services CSX Transportation, Inc 500 Water Street, J200 Jacksonville, F1, 32202

Dear Ms Burroughs.

Lehigh Cement Company, LLC ("Lehigh") has been advised that CSX Transportation intends to seek approval from the Surface Transportation Board to abandon a portion of the radroad's operation in Richmond, VA

Since the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse impact on our Richmond, VA operation, we do not oppose the proposed abandonment

We understand that you may submit this letter to the Surface Transportation Board as part of the proceedings on the proposed abandonment.

We encourage that the process for abandonment including the preparation and submission of all necessary applications, be started as soon as possible.

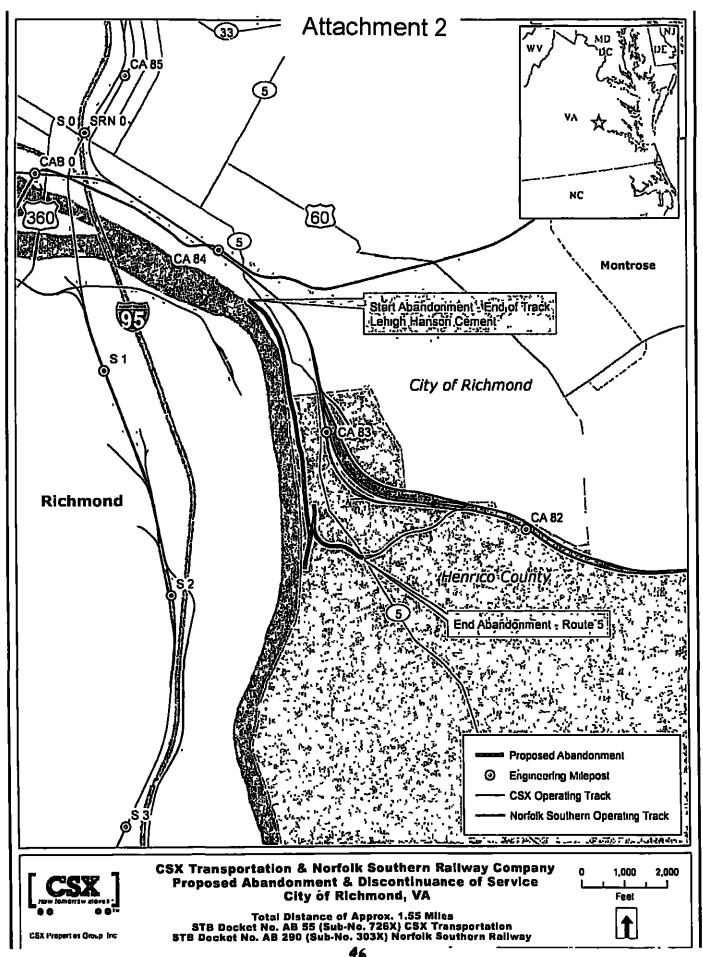
Singerely,

Kenneth Hundley Director of Logistics

Lehigh Cement Company, LLC

ec: Mr Mare Hoecker

Director of Strategic Planning Norfolk Southern Corporation Three Commercial Place Norfolk, Virginia 23510-9207



# Attachment 3



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December 13, 2012

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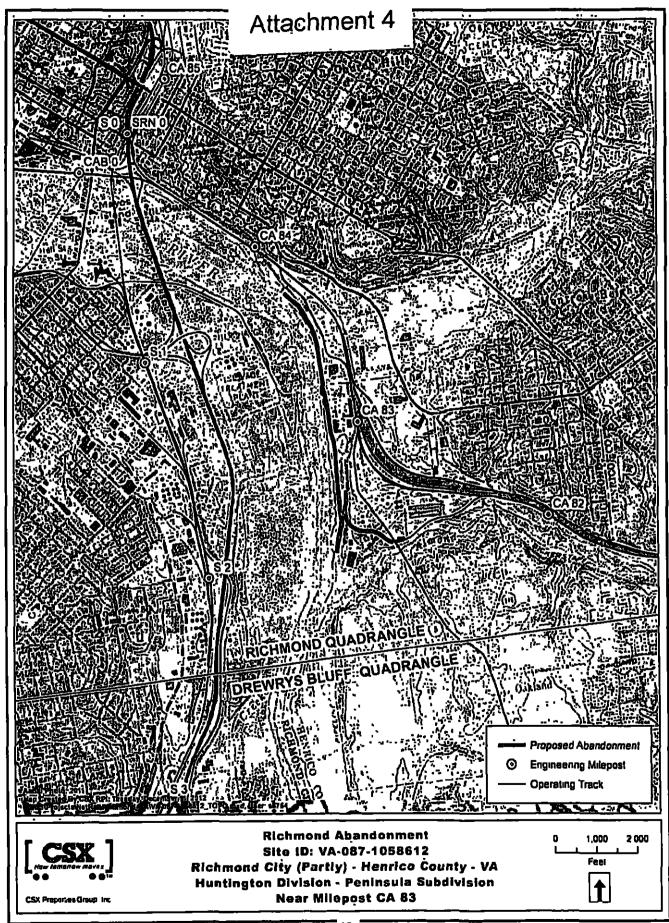
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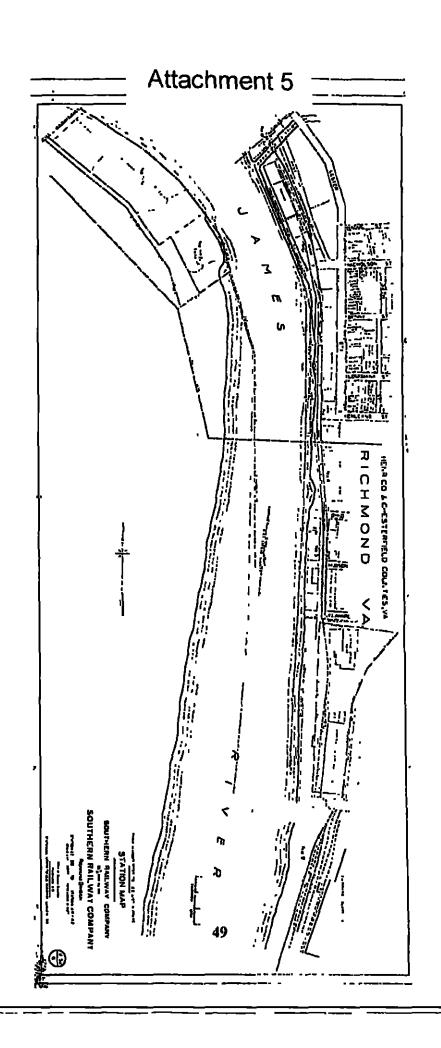
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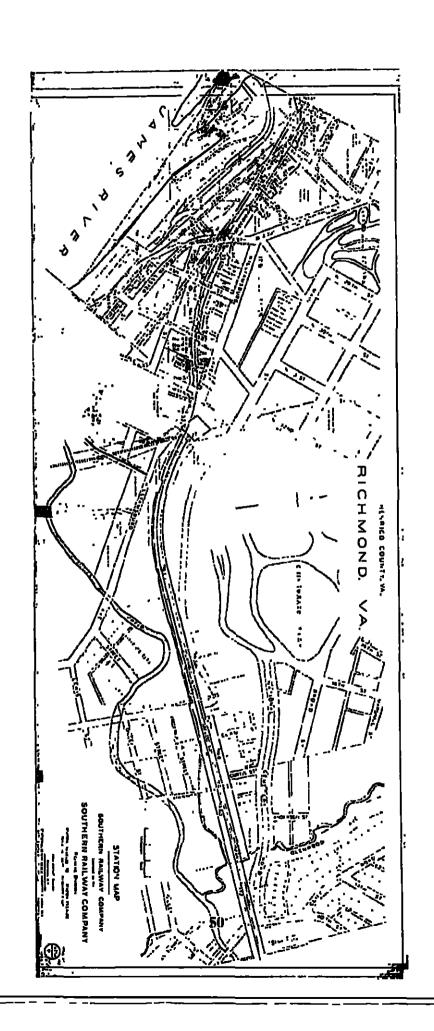
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**Capital Projects Administrator** 

Cc: M.S Khara, PE -DPW James Jackson- DPW Mark Olinger- PDR Jane Ferrara- ECD







# Attachment 6

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COUNTER RAILING COLDANY, party of the second part:

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- 1. The Einstruck from Station 57 4 55, to the north line of lolarite these, shown in red on the blue-print hereto attached and made a part hereof is creed and should be operated jointly by the parties hereto, and beginning on the date hereof shall be maintained by the doublern Sallway Scarany, the cost of maintenance to be provided between the parties hereto in proportion to the cars hadded by each.
- 2. That the Couldn't Hallway Someony shall have the right to serve the Virginia-Parellas Chemical Company, using the treaks of the Chemicales was Chio Railway Ionaway located west of the plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and between said plant of the Chemical Company and the river, as shown on the blue-print above referred to in "White", and said Schuthern Bailway Company devenues and agrees to pay for the use of said tracks the sum of Che Lolland (1.00) per located our placed by or for associated the southern and way Company on said tracks; the Schuthern Railway Company to have the right to use also the lead south of these tracks in serving the said Chemical Company; no payment to be made for a system handled.
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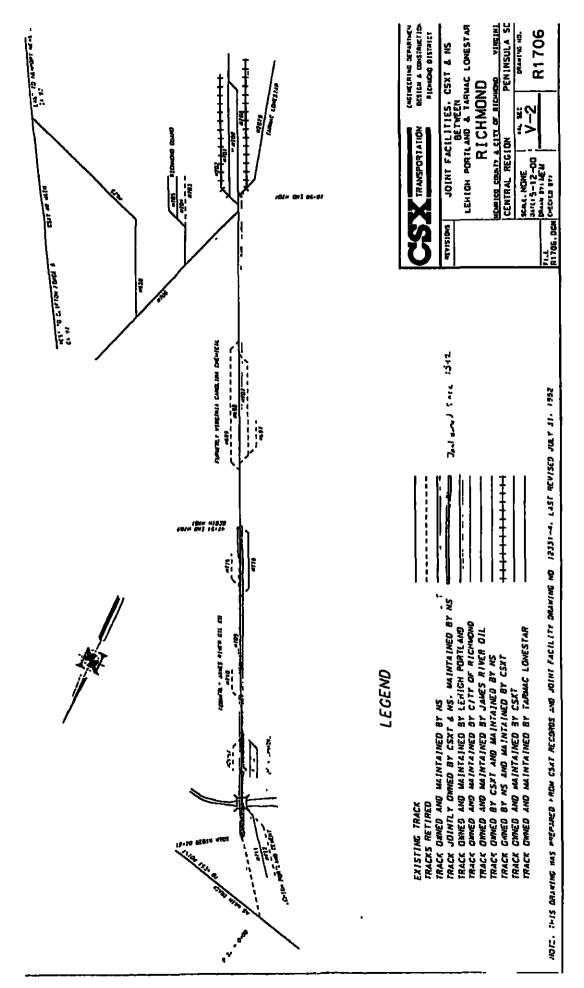
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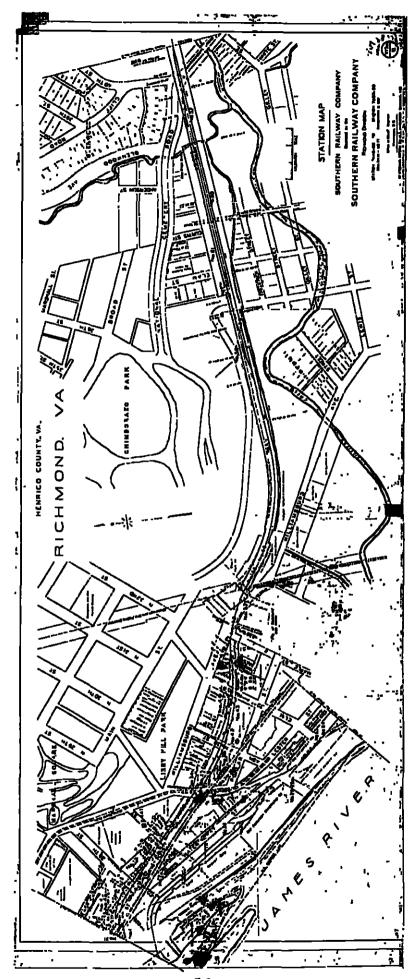
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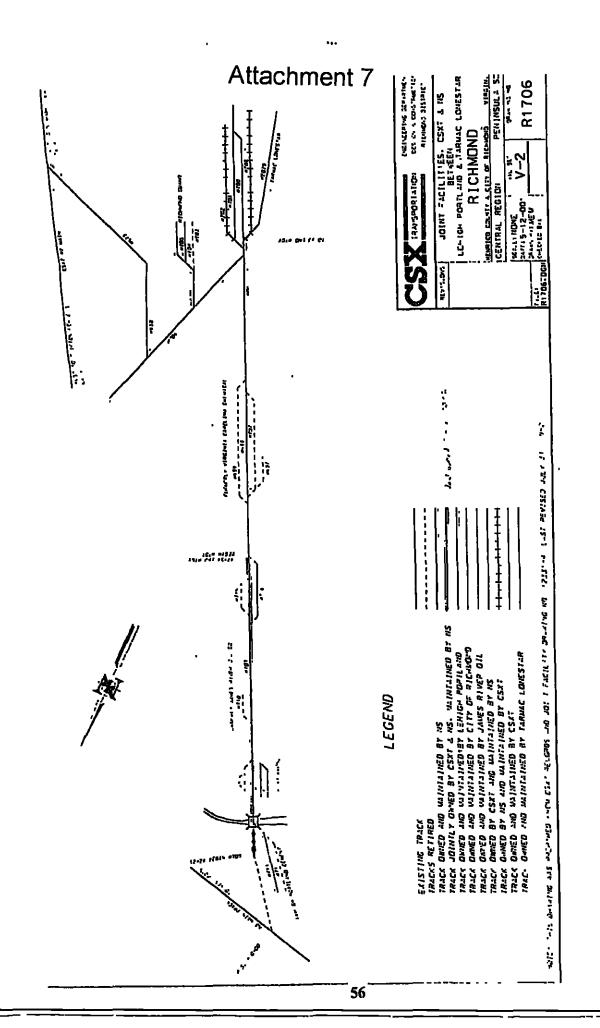
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December 6, 2012

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Richmond Central Office

2801 Kensington Ave

Richmond, VA 23221

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is proposing to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Petition of Exemption and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) is proposing a Discontinuance of Service seeking authority to abandon service in the Southern Region, Huntington Division, Peninsula Subdivision near Railroad Milepost CA 82 3, also known as the James River Industrial Track from State Road 5 to the end of track at Lehigh Hanson Cement. The distance is approximately 1.55 miles in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Virginia as depicted on the attached map. STB Docket numbers AB 55 (Sub-No. 726X) and AB 290 (Sub-No. 303X).

The approximate 1.55 mile line segment was jointly served and maintained by CSXT and NS The only customer, Lehigh Hanson Cement has agreed to re-locate at the request of the city, so that the City of Richmond and Hennco County, Virginia can continue the Virginia Capital Trail. NS has agreed to join CSXT in a STB filing for abandonment and discontinuance of service of our common carrier obligations. The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon, discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements and convert the property for use by non-motorized transportation as the Richmond Riverfront Phase of the Virginia Capital Trail.

In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105 8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted



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to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board in accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a Historic Report covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources.

Enclosed is a distribution list of all parties that have been copied on the proposed action. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me

Sincerely, Du ann Burrong

Jo Ann Burroughs

Enclosures (2)



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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January 16, 2013

Ms Jo Ann Burroughs, Manager of Network Services CSX 500 Water Street – J315 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re:

Railroad Abandonment of James River Industrial Track from SR 5 to Lehigh Hanson Cement

City of Richmond and Henrico County

DHR File No. 2012-1768

Dear Ms Burroughs,

On December 17, 2012, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received information on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We understand that the project will be receiving federal approval from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) Unfortunately, we cannot concur with your determination of effects as do not have enough information to complete a review at this time

DHR understands that CSX Transportation, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Corporation, is proposing to abandon service for 1.55 miles of the James River Industrial Track in the City of Richmond and Henrico County. The rail line runs parallel to the James River. The purpose of the abandonment is to discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements, and convert the property for use by non-motorized transportation as the Richmond Riverfront Phase of the Virginia Capital Trail.

A review of the mapping you provided in conjunction with our Data Sharing System (DSS) indicates that the project is located within and adjacent to multiple historic resources, both architectural and archaeological. Under Section 106, it is the responsibility of the lead federal agency to complete identification of known and unknown historic resources.

Based upon a review of the information provided, we are unable to concur with your determination of effects that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed undertaking. From your application, we understand that the track was completely rebuilt in 1985 after a flood, however, the abandonment of rail and subsequent conversion into a trail, has the potential to cause direct and indirect effects to surrounding properties. Despite the Virginia Capital Trail being a state project, we need a better understanding of how these different project components fit together under the 106 regulations.

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Please let me know of the best available time to reach you and we can discuss how best to move forward with this 106 review. I can be reached at (804) 482-6084 or via email, andrea kampinen@dhr virginia gov.

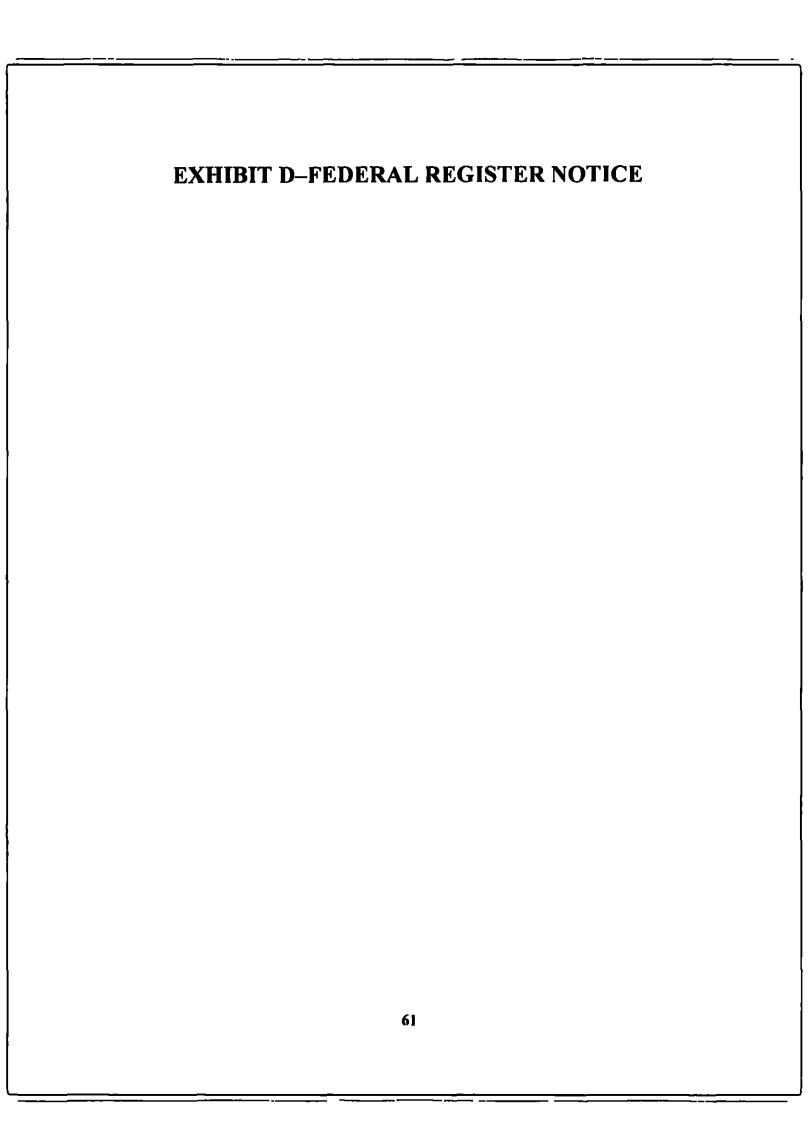
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Andrea Kampinen

Architectural Historian, Office of Review and Compliance

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Kevin Reichert, VDOT



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CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND HENRICO COUNTY, VA

Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 303X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY-ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION-IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND HENRICO COUNTY, VA

Notice of Petition for Exemption to Abandon and Discontinue Service

On February 21, 2013 CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") and Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") jointly filed with the Surface Transportation Board. Washington. D.C. 20423, a petition for exemption for the abandonment of, and discontinuance of service over, a 1.55-mile railroad line known as the James River Industrial Track. between State Road 5 and the end of the line, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 23231 in the City of Richmond and Henrico County, VA (the "Line") There are no mileposts on the Line The Line includes the station of Richmond.

The Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroads' possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees of CSXT and NSR will be protected by *Oregon Short*Line R Co—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any offer of financial assistance will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance of service procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board or refer to the full

discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR Part 1152 Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") An environmental assessment ("EA") (or environmental impact statement ("EIS"), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact OEA EAs in this abandonment and discontinuance of service proceeding normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

# **EXHIBIT E-NEWSPAPER CERTIFICATION**

#### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X) and Docket No. 290 (Sub-No 303X), as required by 49 C.F.R § 1105.12, was advertised on February 4, 2013 in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Richmond and Henrico County.

Louis E. Gitomer February 21, 2013

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## Publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch

This is to certify that the attached CSX Transportation, Inc. was published by the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Inc. in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, on the following dates:

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State of Virginia
City of Richmond

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# EXHIBIT F-CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152 60(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Petition for Exemption in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 726X), CSX Transportation, Inc –Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of Richmond and Henrico County. VA and Docket No. 290 (Sub-No 303X). Norfolk Southern Railway Company- Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of Richmond and Henrico County. VA was mailed via first class mail, postage prepaid, on February 21, 2013, to the following parties.

#### State Public Service Commission

Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 E. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

# Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency

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Military Surface Deployment and Dist Cmd
Transportation Engineering Agency
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Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

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Mr Charlie Stockman RTCA Program National Park Service 1849 C St., NW (Org Code 2235) Washington, DC 20240

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U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service Land Resources Division 1849 C St., NW Washington, DC 20240

# U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief of the Forest Service 4th Floor N.W., Auditors' Building 14th Street and Independence Avenue. S.W. Washington, DC 20250

# Lehigh Cement Company.

Mr. Kenneth Hundley Lehigh Cement Company 3111 Water Street Richmond, VA 23223

February 21, 2013

# **EXHIBIT G-COLOR EXHIBITS**

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